

MINUTES
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING
TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
1917 IH-35 SOUTH, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TX
August 16, 2012- 9:45 AM

Call to Order. Committee Chair, Daniel Wong, Ph.D., P.E., called the General Issues Committee meeting to order at 9:59 am on August 16, 2012, at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 South Interstate 35, Austin, TX 78741 (All votes are unanimous, unless otherwise noted).

1. Roll call and welcome visitors.

Daniel Wong, Ph.D., P.E.	Chair
Bobby Ballí, P.E.	Member
Gary Raba, D.Eng., P.E.	Member

A quorum was present. Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, Jr., P.E., and Mr. Jose I. Guerra, P.E., Emeritus Board Members were present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, P.E.	Executive Director
Priscilla Pipho, MPA	Deputy Executive Director
David Howell, P.E.	Director of Licensing
C.W. Clark, P.E.	Director of Compliance & Enforcement
Dewey Helmcamp III, J.D.	Staff Attorney
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant

Visitors. Faye Rencher, Sunset Commission; Joe Walraven, Sunset Commission; Steven Ogle, Sunset Commission; Terry Bilderback, P.E., Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE); Peyton McKnight, American Council of Engineering Companies – Texas; Terry Sams, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Sam Kannappan, P.E., Board Member; Edward Summers, Ph.D., Board Member; Jim Greer, P.E., Board Member.

2. Public comment. None.

3. Discuss and possibly approve the May 24, 2012 General Issues Committee Minutes.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Raba) to approve the May 24, 2012 General Issues Committee Minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

4. TBPE Lobby Security.

• **Lobby Area Security.**

Mr. Kinney commented that this is an update from the last meeting. He reviewed the exhibit included in the materials showing potential changes to the lobby area. Mr. Mutscher has additional budget information. Dr. Wong asked Committee members to show any ideas with Mr. Kinney.

5. Discuss and possibly act on the following proposed rule adoption.

- **Chapter 131: Organization and Administration.**
 - **§131.53 – Minutes.**

Mr. Howell reported that the proposed change to §131.53 was to align the rule with the Board's approved records retention schedule. He added that the rule was posted and no comments were received. Staff recommended adoption.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Raba) to recommend to the Board at its Regular Quarterly meeting on August 16, 2012, to adopt §131.53-Minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

6. Update on Texas Windstorm Inspectors.

Mr. Kinney reported that all TBPE requirements of HB3 have been completed. Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) has posted a rule change for comment which would make inclusion on the TBPE Roster a requirement to stay on the list of Appointed Windstorm Inspectors. The proposed rule would require individuals to be on the TBPE Roster by December 31, 2012.

7. Issues for consideration and schedule next meeting.

Dr. Raba asked that Mr. Kinney and the Chair look at the overall office for a refresh. Mr. Balli asked about the sole practitioner / firm registration issues. Mr. Kinney responded that this issue will go on the Licensing Committee agenda.

Dr. Wong shared with the Sunset team that the General Issues Committee discusses all issues not covered on the other designated committees.

Adjourn.

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Ballí/Raba) to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 am. A vote was taken, and the MOTION PASSED.

Date approved by Committee as submitted:
Date accepted by Board:

November 29, 2012
November 29, 2012